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Fact Sheet

FY 2007 BUDGET REQUEST U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT (ICE)

For Fiscal Year 2007, ICE is requesting a total of \$4.7 billion in resources, up from the \$3.8 billion provided in FY 2006. This is an increase of \$817 million, or 21 percent.

As part of the Department's Secure Border Initiative (SBI), ICE is seeking more than \$541 million to increase its detention and removal activities and interior enforcement initiatives including worksite enforcement. The funding for highlighted focus areas in support of SBI is summarized below:

- ✓ **Increased Detention and Removal Capacity (\$425.2 million increase).** This funding will assist in permanently ending the practice of releasing captured aliens, and to ensure expeditious removal. Specifically funds will support an additional 6,700 detention beds to process and remove using expedited removal procedures an additional 100,000 apprehended aliens. Funds also support the legal proceedings costs associated with these aliens.
- ✓ **Enhanced Fugitive Operations (\$60 million increase).** Resources requested will support 18 new fugitive operations teams, increasing the total number of teams to 70 resulting in an apprehension goal of at least 24,000. In addition, resources will support 700 additional detention beds. Funding will also support staffing needed for fugitive case management support, transportation and custody, and case file flow.
- ✓ **Expansion of Compliance Enforcement Initiative (\$10 million increase).** Resources support a significant expansion of the Compliance Enforcement Program, a critical component of ICE's immigration enforcement strategy. Specifically funding will support hiring an additional 46 agents and 8 investigative support positions to increase the ability to identify and arrest high-risk visa violators who threaten national security and/or public safety.
- ✓ **Increased Worksite Enforcement Efforts (\$41.7 million increase).** Resources requested support hiring an additional 171 agents and 35 support personnel to increase investigations of critical infrastructure facilities and employers that attract significant numbers of illegal aliens.
- ✓ **Additional State and Local Law Enforcement Programs (\$4.3 million increase).** Resources will support two key ICE State and local law enforcement support programs. Specifically, funding will be

used for training expenses for State and local law enforcement personnel and for additional law enforcement technicians at the Law Enforcement Support Center to ensure adequate response times in assisting State and local law enforcement on immigration inquiries.

In addition to SBI, the request reflects an increase in the basic security fee charged Federal agencies for law enforcement and security services resulting in an additional \$29 million for ICE's Federal Protective Service program. The rate increase addresses current program needs, including administrative support.

The budget request also includes critical funding to assist in improving financial processes within ICE. Specifically, \$4.6 million is requested to improve capability to undertake the new audit of internal control requirements mandated in the DHS Financial Accountability Act (P.L. 108-330), and improve the management of financial resources through the hiring of 34 new acquisition positions.

In addition, the request includes \$4.4 million to support training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center. Lastly, the request reflects adjustments to the base budget of nearly \$262 million to among other things support annualization of prior year initiatives and inflationary costs.

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U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement was established in March 2003 as the largest investigative arm of the Department of Homeland Security. ICE is comprised of four integrated divisions that form a 21st century law enforcement agency with broad responsibilities for a number of key homeland security priorities.